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So we can discuss that later. Thank you, though.

SENATOR SCHROCK: I do agree with you on that point, Senator Beutler.

PRESIDENT HEINEMAN: Are you finished, Senator Beutler?

SENATOR BEUTLER: I am finished.

PRESIDENT HEINEMAN: Thank you, Senator Beutler. Further discussion on AM0668? Seeing no further discussion, the Chair would recognize Senator Jones to close on his amendment.

SENATOR JONES: Thank you, Lieutenant Governor, and I just want to make one more comment. This makes it so that everybody is on the same page. I think that's the main thing for this amendment, so that the transfers are all treated the same. So with that, I'd ask for your approval of it. Thank you.

PRESIDENT HEINEMAN: Thank you, Senator Jones. Question is the adoption of AM0668 to AM0380 to LB 619. All those in favor vote aye, those opposed vote nay. Please record, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: 32 ayes, 0 nays, Mr. President, on the adoption of Senator Jones' amendment.

PRESIDENT HEINEMAN: The amendment is adopted. (Doctor of the day introduced.) Next amendment, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: Mr. President, Senator Baker would move to amend the committee amendments, AM0700. (Legislative Journal page 810.)

PRESIDENT HEINEMAN: Chair would recognize Senator Baker, to open on his amendment.

SENATOR BAKER: Thank you, Mr. President, members. This is LB 739, which is on General File. It advanced from Natural Resources Committee on an 8 to 0 vote. There were no opponents at the hearing. Let me lay a little foundation before we get into the amendment. Southwest Nebraska is obviously in the center of the drought, extreme drought, and our reservoirs out